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Sen. Young Will Ask LBJ to Reveal Casualties in Viet

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Stephen M. Young, D-O., said yesterday he would ask President Johnson to issue "specific total figures" on U.S. casualties in the Viet Nam war.

"The American people are entitled to know the facts," Young told a press conference in reporting on his recent trip to Viet Nam.

YOUNG ALSO demanded that activities of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) be "limited" or "eliminated" in Viet Nam.

Calling CIA efforts "meddlesome," Young charged that CIA agents, disguised as Viet Cong, had committed atrocities against South Vietnamese to create ill will against the Communists.

THE SENATOR predicted that the Viet Nam would continue fighting until Christmas, 1966; would cost the United States "heavy casualties,"

and would end up negotiating.

Young said he personally did not believe Viet Nam was of "strategic importance" to the United States in connection with any threat from Communist China.

"China," said Young, "could not sustain an offensive for six months."